## Abstract

The invention relates to an apparatus for aligning an item that can be deformed easily, at least in the region of the outer lower edge, having at least one aligning device that can be displaced in the direction of the item and the transport substrate in order to align the item on the transport substrate.

For the damage-free mechanical movement of the item projecting laterally into the transport substrate contour, at least the subregion of at least aligning device which comes into contact with the lower region of the item projecting laterally beyond the outer contour of the transport substrate during the alignment of the item on the transport substrate is assigned a stabilizing device which prevents the item being deflected in the direction of the transport substrate or, respectively, a downward deflection of the lower region of the item projecting laterally beyond the outer contour of the transport substrate is prevented by a stabilizing device which is assigned to at least the subregion of the aligning device which into contact with the region of the projecting laterally beyond the outer contour of the transport substrate during the alignment of the item on the transport substrate.